

**Expansion of Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant**

2587. SHRI N.K, PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land already in possession of the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant;

(b) the extent of land utilised by the power plant so far;

(c) whether Government propose to expand the present power **plant** in to a 2000 MW super thermal power plant since the State Government is willing to provide all infrastructural facilities; and

(d) if so, Government's reactions thereto?

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(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has acquired 1166 acres of land for Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant keeping in view the requirement of Stage-II. Of this , 335 acres has already been utilised for State-I of the Project.

(c) and (d) NTPC is pursuing Kayamkulam expansion project of 1950 MW (tentative) capacity as a regional station, since the State Government has not been able to fully utilise the power generated in Stage-I, and have been taken a number of steps towards this end. The implementation of the project, as a regional station, would however be contingent on a number of factors including availability. of LNG in an appropriate time frame, price and terms, and signing of Power Purchase Agreement with the State Electricity Board of the Southern States (for utilising its full capacity) with sufficient payment safeguards etc.